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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**CITY HALL, HONGKONG.**

**THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING,**  
the 16th November, 1885.

Under the Patronage of His EXCELLENCY  
THE ACTING GOVERNOR  
HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

**THE FRENCH OPERA COMPANY**  
(from Saigon and Batavia),  
WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE  
THIS EVENING.

OFFERBACH'S FAVOURITE OPERA BOUS  
"LA PERICHOLE."

DRAMATIS PERSONE.

Piquillo .....	MM. Haricot.
Don Andres .....	Desrot.
Counte Facato .....	Legros.
Don Feedo .....	Batrou.
Tarapore .....	Lepinat.
Don Juan .....	Deblanc.
Quadralfra .....	Lucile Rolat.
Perichilla .....	Aramandini.
Martilla .....	Esterh.

Doors Open at 3.30 P.M. Performance  
begin sharp.

C. DARON, Director

Hongkong, 16th November, 1886.

**"THE CHINESE TIMES"**

On or about the 15th November, 1886, will be published, at Tientsin, the first number of—

**THE CHINESE TIMES,**

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

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NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM N-  
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG,  
SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND  
SINGAPORE.

**T**HE Company's Steamship  
"CELEES,"  
Captain Joon, will be despatched on  
TO-DAY, the 16th inst., at THREE P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., SHIP BROKERS, Agents,  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1886.

FOR SHANGHAI.

**T**HE Steamship  
"YANGTSE,"  
Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched  
above Ports TO-DAY, the 16th inst.  
FOR S.A.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEBSEN &  
HONGKONG, 15th November, 1886.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK  
**THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**T**HE Company's Steamer  
 "MONGKUT,"  
 Captain P. H. Loh, will be despatched  
 about Peking TO-MORROW, the 17th  
 at 12 1/2 A.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**YUEN FAT HO**  
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 Hongkong, 15th November, 1886.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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will leave for the above place TO-MOR-  
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E. L. WOODIN,  
Acting Superintendent  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1886.

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**STEAM FOR**  
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**RANTAN and MANILA, PORTS, C**  
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**THE Company's Steamship**  
**"BORMIDA,"**  
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The 18th instant, at THREE P.M.  
 To be followed by the "D. BALD  
 on or about the 3rd December.  
 The Steamer has splendid Accom  
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 For Further Particulars regarding  
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**C**ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby  
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have left the Godowns and all Goods after the 22nd instant, will be subject the rate of One Cent per package per day. All claims against the Insurer must be presented to the underwriter on or before November, 1886, or they will not be received. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

**ADAMSON, BELL**  
Agents.

[23] Hongkong, 15th November, 1886.



## INTIMATIONS.

**A. S. WATSON & Co.**  
LIMITED.  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
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THE DISPENSARY, Fookchow.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Tientsin.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Hankow.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1886.

## DEATHS.

At Les Aramis, Switzerland, on the 23rd Sep-  
tember, 1886, Mr. HENRY OGDON JONES, late of Army.

At the Shanghai General Hospital, on the 4th  
November, 1886, ROBERT FRANCIS LIVINGSTON, Lightkeeper, I. M.  
Customs service, aged 35 years.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 16TH, 1886.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council  
on Friday the Acting Colonial Secretary was  
able to make out a good case for the ne-  
cessity of something being done for the  
better protection of young girls. As Dr.  
SHEPHERD says, it is really heart-breaking to  
see our fellow creatures bought and sold, and  
as they were inferior animals, and destined  
to a life of infamy. The question is whe-  
ther the Bill now before the Council is the  
best way of dealing with the evil, or whether  
it may not in itself create other evils. The  
main point is whether it is safe, prudent, and  
constitutional to entrust to the Registrar-  
General a power over the Chinese population  
which he may exercise without any process  
of law. The Acting Attorney-General is  
profoundly in the guarantee he gives for the  
excellent intentions of the Government and  
the proper exercise of the functions proposed  
to be conferred on the Registrar-General.  
Such guarantees are not worth the breath  
exerted in their utterance. Neither Mr.  
ACKROYD nor any one else can tell who will  
be the Governor nor who will be the  
Registrar-General ten years hence, and what-  
ever confidence we may feel in the present  
incumbents of those offices may be quite  
sure that if laws are loosely made so as to  
afford room for abuses and scandals there  
will arise sooner or later. It is possible  
the office of Registrar-General may be filled  
at some time by a corrupt man, which is  
unlikely, or that it may be filled by an  
indiscreet man, which is not at all un-  
likely, and then what will become of Mr.  
ACKROYD's guarantee for the one case the  
purity and in the other case the discretion  
with which the powers conferred by the Bill  
are to be exercised? The Registrar-Gen-  
eral's department has not been very particu-  
lar as to the limitations of law in the past, and  
it may equally overstep the more extended  
limits laid down in the present Bill. Bonds  
have been taken from a large number of per-  
sons for the proper upbringing of children,  
although no power exists for exacting such  
bonds. The Attorney-General says the bonds  
have been entered into voluntarily, but with  
all respect to the learned gentleman we ven-  
ture to say that he has misapprehended the  
circumstances and in consequence stated  
that it is not strictly in accordance with fact.  
It is perfectly conceivable that persons of  
the class referred to should voluntarily go  
to the Registrar-General to enter into bonds  
for the moral bringing up of children whom  
they had destined to a life of prostitution.  
Some threat or inducement must have been  
held out to lead them to do so, in which case  
their action cannot be called voluntary.  
That the Registrar-General assumed the  
powers he did for a good purpose, and that  
the effect in the particular cases was good,  
we are quite ready to admit, but if the  
basis of law is to be abandoned for the un-  
certain quicksands of the private opinion  
and discretion of individual officials, where  
is the matter to end?

A further complication is introduced into  
the consideration of the Bill by the proposal  
to associate with the Registrar-General two  
Chinese Justices of the Peace, who it is ap-  
parently intended should be members of the  
Po Leung Kuk, or the Chinese Society for  
the protection of women and children. Dr.  
SHEPHERD says the Chinese are so obliging  
in these matters that he has no doubt they will  
at any time at once lay aside their business  
and come and give their assistance. Neither  
have we the slightest doubt of it. Whenever  
the "leading Chinese" see an opportunity  
of usurping the functions of Government or  
in any way strengthening the *imperium in  
imperio* they exercise they will promptly  
avail themselves of it. Not that we mean to  
say the members of the Po Leung Kuk are  
induced entirely by ulterior motives and  
not by benevolent intentions, but there are  
few if any Chinese in the colony who would  
be not only too ready to establish for them-  
selves an unwarrantable dominance over their  
fellow countrymen whenever they had the  
chance. The Council have therefore to  
consider whether they will give a legal sanc-  
tion to the exercise of an influence in the  
machinery of Government analogous to that  
which has been so frequently and strongly  
objected to in the case in which the Tung  
Wah Hospital has interfered in matters be-  
yond its proper sphere. A proposal to govern  
the Chinese by a system of headmen elected  
by the *Kai fong* would be a logical proposal  
which might be fairly argued out, but neither  
the Tung Wah, nor the Po Leung Kuk can be  
considered as representing the public.  
The functions of the Chinese to be associated  
with the Registrar-General in carrying out  
the provisions of the Bill for the protection  
of young girls are, it seems, to be purely  
consultative, but there can be no doubt they  
will exercise great weight in arriving at the  
decisions, especially if the Registrar-General  
at any time happens to be a young, in-  
experienced, or weak minded man. It might  
indeed very well happen that this official  
would be a mere tool in the hands of his  
associates. Apart therefore from the ques-

tion of whether it is desirable to entrust  
the Registrar-General with the wide powers  
conferred upon him by the Bill the Council  
will have to decide the question whether  
such a body as the Po Leung Kuk is to take  
a direct part in the Government of the Colony.  
Probably the best course for the unofficial  
members to pursue would be to follow the Bill  
to pass its second reading, and then see what  
the amendments are which the Chief Justice  
proposes to move in committee and which  
His Honour thinks will remove some of the  
objections which have been raised to the  
Bill. If the objections are removed, well  
and good; if not, the measure can be thrown  
out on the third reading. It is only in a  
very general sense that the principle of a  
Bill is assented to on the second reading, and  
if it is objectionable in form after it has  
passed through committee members are per-  
fectly entitled to vote against its passing.

The British cruise *London*, Captain Dunlop,  
from Yokohama, arrived here yesterday.

The visitors to the City Hall Museum for the  
week ending 14th instant were 170 Europeans  
and 2,574 Chinese.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a reprint,  
in pamphlet form, of the *Shanghai Mercury* re-  
port of the Shanghai Autumn Races.

Salutes were fired at five o'clock yesterday  
morning in honour of the *Marquis T'ung* as  
the *M. S. steamer* *San Francisco* of port for  
Shanghai.

The amount raised by the *Al Fresco* Fête  
in the Botanic Gardens in aid of the *Alfred* M.  
Museum on the 12th and 13th instants  
exceeds \$10,000.

It is stated by a Japanese newspaper  
that the British Government has agreed to  
the *San Francisco* Convention on the China and Japan  
Station, and other naval officers will shortly re-  
ceive orders to proceed to the Japanese Government.

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* is responsible for  
the statement that an extradition treaty between  
Japan and England, arranged between the Hon.  
Mr. H. H. Johnston, British Minister to Japan,  
and the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been sub-  
mitted to their respective Governments, and that its  
ratification will be published in a short time.

We have received the prospectus of a new  
weekly paper which it is proposed to start in  
the Chinese language. It is called the *Chinese Times*. It will  
be published on the 1st inst. It is intended to give  
the Chinese daily paper started in May last. An  
advertisement giving particulars as to rates of  
subscription, &c., will be found on our front page.

Although Japanese immigrants are in great  
favour in Hawaii, the Government of the island  
has decided to continue to import immigrants  
from the *Alfred* M. M. Museum on the 12th and 13th instants  
exceeds \$10,000.

The Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment  
will play at the *Alfred* M. M. Museum on the 12th and 13th instants  
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The *British Manufacturer*, in its issue of the  
14th inst., says: "It is understood that the Min-  
ister of Public Works of the Government of Hong-  
kong is considering the advisability of enlarging the  
dock at the Victoria Harbour. The dock is at present  
about 1,400 feet long, and 100 feet wide at the  
entrance. It is proposed to extend it to 2,000  
feet, and to widen it to 150 feet. The cost of the  
work is estimated at £1,000,000. The dock is at  
present used for the storage of coal, and for the  
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